

## **Tips for a Safe Halloween**

### **KIDS:**

- Bring a flashlight
- Walk, don't run
- Use sidewalks; if no sidewalk is available, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic
- Don't cut across yards or driveways
- Obey traffic signals
- Don't trick-or-treat in unfamiliar neighborhoods; approach only houses that are lit
- Bring a watch that is readable in the dark
- Avoid tripping by wearing costumes that don't drag and shoes that fit
- Take caution when walking with a mask on
- Don't carry nonflexible knives, swords or other dangerous props
- Wear reflective markings or tape on costumes so motorists can see you
- Avoid unfamiliar pets
- Carry quarters to call home in an emergency

### **PARENTS:**

- Provide dinner before trick-or-treating
- Accompany young children. Don't allow them to trick-or-treat alone
- Look for flame retardant costumes
- Know where older children are trick-or-treating
- Inspect candy for tampering
- Examine candy wrapping; discard anything suspect

### **HOME OWNERS:**

- Remove from your yard any ladders, hoses, dog leashes, flowerpots or other items that children could trip on
- Keep pets inside; they may bite if frightened by the noise and commotion
- If using real candles in a jack-o'-lantern, place pumpkin away from where trick-or-treaters may stand
- Place paper or cloth decorations away from any candle flame
- Provide healthy alternatives to candy, like fruit rolls, miniboxes or raisins, or popcorn
- Consider offering nonfood treats like pencils, stickers, coins or erasers

### **DRIVERS:**

- Proceed slowly all evening
- Have designated drivers for adult parties

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